

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268-0001

COMPETITIVE PRODUCT PRICES
INBOUND COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE AGREEMENTS WITH
FOREIGN POSTAL OPERATORS
PRIME UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TRACKED SERVICE
AGREEMENT (MC2010-34)
NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

Docket No.
CP2020-169

**NOTICE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE OF FILING ADDITIONAL
ACCESSIONS TO INBOUND COMPETITIVE MULTI-SERVICE PRIME AGREEMENT**
(July 16, 2020)

In Order No. 5544,¹ the Postal Regulatory Commission (Commission or PRC) established Docket No. CP2020-169 to consider the United States Postal Service's (Postal Service) notice filed on June 11, 2020 (Notice) in this matter.² The Postal Service attached the "PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement" (referred to as the "PRIME Agreement") to its Notice.³ Annex 4 of the PRIME Agreement consists of Deeds of Accession signed by certain foreign postal operators (FPOs).⁴ The Postal Service also stated in its Notice that it would update this docket should additional FPOs accede to the PRIME Agreement and expected additional FPOs to accede beyond the intended (and since approved) effective date of July 1, 2020.⁵

¹ PRC Order No. 5544, Notice and Order Concerning Postal Service Filing of Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 12, 2020, at 3-4.

² Notice of United States Postal Service of Filing Functionally Equivalent Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 11, 2020.

³ Notice, at Attachment 2 (PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement).

⁴ Notice, at Attachment 2 (PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement).

⁵ Notice, at 5; PRC Order No. 5563, Order Approving Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 25, 2020, at 8.

At this time, the Postal Service provides notice to the Commission that additional FPOs have acceded to the PRIME Agreement. The Postal Service attaches to this notice as Attachments 1–3 the Deeds of Accession executed by these FPOs. These accessions were received by the Postal Service between July 13 and July 16, 2020. The financial information of the FPOs whose accessions are attached to this notice were included in the financial workpapers filed in support of the Notice and with the Postal Service’s Response to Chairman’s Information Request No. 1.⁶

Unless the Commission determines otherwise, the Postal Service proposes that the effective date of these accessions be July 1, 2020. This proposed effective date of July 1, 2020, which maximizes revenue for the Postal Service generated under the PRIME Agreement, is supported by its terms. Specifically, Annex 4 directs that “[an] accession is effective upon approval by the United States Postal Service, from July 1st 2020 or at the beginning of the next quarter after the signature is received by the Head of PRIME, unless an earlier date is approved by both the United States Postal Service and the Acceding Party.”⁷ Absent any countervailing concerns by the Commission, the Postal Service and each FPO whose accession is attached to this notice intend to implement a July 1, 2020 effective date.⁸

⁶ See Notice; Response of the United States Postal Service to Chairman’s Information Request No. 1, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 23, 2020.

⁷ Notice, at Attachment 2 (PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement).

⁸ This notice differs from the situation in Docket No. CP2020-211. In that proceeding, concerning the FPO-USPS Agreement FY20-3, the Postal Service filed its initial notice on June 30, 2020, and the parties sought to implement the FPO-USPS Agreement FY20-3 on July 1, 2020. In this case, however, the PRIME Agreement was presented to the Commission on June 11, 2020, well before its intended implementation. Moreover, the financial workpapers in this matter, which were filed in conjunction with the Postal Service’s Notice (and the Postal Service’s response to the Chairman’s Information Request No. 1) in the instant docket, included the estimated volumes and revenue from prospective acceding countries, including the counterparty-FPOs that are the subject of this notice. Therefore, this filing does not run counter to the purpose of 39 C.F.R. § 3035.105, which is to provide the Commission with sufficient time to conduct a review of Postal Service filings, because the financial information relevant to this notice has already been vetted by the Commission and additional review by the Commission should

Furthermore, this proposed effective date is consistent with the effective date that the Commission approved for revising the Mail Classification Schedule to include the PRIME Agreement within the Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreements with Foreign Postal Operators 1 (MC2010-34) product.⁹

The Postal Service maintains that the identities of the counterparty-FPOs to the PRIME Agreement in Attachments 1–3 should remain confidential and incorporates by reference the Application for Non-Public Treatment filed with its Notice in this docket.¹⁰ The redacted copies, where appropriate, of these attachments are filed publicly, while the unredacted versions are filed under seal for the Commission's review.

Respectfully submitted,

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not be necessary. Finally, there should be no adverse impact or retroactive rate resulting from the implementation of the July 1, 2020 effective date for the counterparty-FPOs that are the subject of this notice because settlement will occur after the mailings are received.

⁹ PRC Order No. 5563, Order Approving Additional Inbound Competitive Multi-Service Agreement with Foreign Postal Operators, Docket No. CP2020-169, June 25, 2020, at 8.

¹⁰ Notice, at Attachment 1 (Application of United Postal Service for Non-Public Treatment of Materials).

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PRIME Tracked Service Agreement

Annex 4

Annex 4: Deed of Accession

THE UNDERSIGNED "ACCEDING PARTY"

[REDACTED]

Requests admission to the PRIME United States Postal Service Tracked Service Agreement.

The accession is effective upon approval by the United States Postal Service, from July 1st 2020 or at the beginning of the next quarter after the signature is received by the Head of PRIME, unless an earlier date is approved by both the United States Postal Service and the Acceding Party.

The Acceding Party agrees to be bound by all of the provisions of such PRIME USPS Service Agreement.

Signed at

[REDACTED]

UPU Designated Postal Operator (DPO) - Name	
[REDACTED]	
DPO's Authorized Representative	
Name	[REDACTED]
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DPO's Authorized Representative

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DPO's Authorized Representative	
Name:	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	
[REDACTED]	
Signature	[REDACTED]